

## PENSIONS FUND NEAR EXHAUSTION

Police-Firemen Members  
May Not Get Allowance  
After This Month.

That the police and firemen's pensions fund is practically exhausted was the announcement made at the District building today.

Unless immediate provisions are made the former members of the Police and Fire Department will not receive future pensions to which they are entitled.

Deficiency Probable.

While there is sufficient money on hand to pay the pensions for January, there is a prospect of a deficiency in the fund next month unless there is a substantial increase in the fines in the Police Court from which the pensions funds are derived in part.

The pensions funds are made up from fines in the Police Court, dog taxes, and an assessment of \$1.00 a month upon each member of the Police and Fire Department.

The deficiency, in the opinion of officials of the Auditor's office, is due to the falling off of fines in the Police Court. This is due, in part, to the acceptance of personal bonds or the imposition of jail sentences under the new vagrancy law.

The matter was brought to the attention of the Commissioners today by Auditor Tweedale, in a statement showing receipts and expenditures of the fund.

Relief Bill Introduced.

Realizing that there was a possibility of such conditions, Major Sylvester drafted a bill providing for the creation of a police and firemen's relief fund, which was introduced by Senator Burdett March 2, 1909.

The measure provides that the "police and firemen's fund," the "firemen's relief fund," and the "police fund" shall be designated as the "police and firemen's relief fund, District of Columbia," and shall consist of all fines imposed by the Commissioners upon members of the Police and Fire Departments in the way of discipline, all rewards received by members of the departments, except such as they may be allowed to retain; all net receipts from the sale of unclaimed property by the property clerk; \$1 a month from each member of the departments, and all fines and forfeitures paid into the Police Court.

Taxes to Meet Deficiency.

It is provided that should the fund at any time prove insufficient, the Commissioners are authorized to direct the Collector of Taxes to deposit to the credit of the fund out of receipts from all licenses other than liquor licenses a sufficient amount to meet the deficiency. The bill was approved by the former board of Commissioners and is now before Congress.

Pearse Bill Opposed.

The Commissioners today forwarded to Congress an unfavorable report on the bill introduced by Representative Pearse of Maryland, January 11, authorizing the Commissioners to place on the firemen's pension rolls the names of the old volunteer firemen who served from 1882 to 1870.

In a letter to Representative Samuel W. Smith, chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, the Commissioners say the pension fund is gradually becoming inadequate for current demands and will soon be insufficient unless some further means are found to augment it.

As the fund is made up in part by the deduction of \$1 from the monthly salary of each fireman and policeman and as the proposed beneficiaries have not contributed anything to the fund, it is not believed, the Commissioners say, that provision should be made to pension them out of it.

## EXILE OF ZELAYA TO FULFILL PACT

Announcement of Departure  
From Mexico February 4  
Due to Secretary Knox.

Announcement from Mexico that former President Zelaya of Nicaragua will sail from Vera Cruz for Belgium on February 4, is the fulfillment of the pact between this country and Mexico as it was described in The Times a month ago, and further told about in yesterday's Sunday evening edition of The Times.

When Senator Creel, special representative of Mexico, came to this city to attempt to save Zelaya's rule in Nicaragua, or, failing in that, to save his life, Secretary of State Knox said he would be satisfied if Zelaya would expatriate himself and leave the Western Hemisphere. To this Senator Creel replied that the deposed President would go to Europe after a few days' stay in Mexico, following his escape from Nicaragua to a Mexican gunboat.

Having arrived in Mexico City, however, Zelaya began to cherish the ambition to return to Nicaragua and reassert his power. President Diaz of Mexico was only too glad to help him as far as he dared.

Hearing of what was in the air, Secretary Knox put his foot down with the reminder that the pact for Zelaya's leaving the American continents must be carried out. The result was the decision of Diaz that he could no longer afford to harbor Zelaya.

The deposed President sailed on February 4 with the understanding that he will never return. He is a second Castro, so far as not having a country is concerned, and this is the penalty he pays for having executed illegally the two Americans, Groce and Cannon.

Mr. Knox was responsible for the expatriation of Castro of Venezuela, as he is for the expatriation of Zelaya, and the two incidents show the firm determination of the Department of State to have this country and its citizens respected by the people and governments of Central America. It is one instance of Mr. Knox's boast that he would make every American citizen as safe from outrage abroad as he is at home.

## WIDOWS AT CHERRY FIGHT USE OF ACIDS

Proposed Chemical Destruction  
of Bodies in St. Paul  
Mine Bitterly Opposed.

CHERRY, Ill., Jan. 31.—A proposal that the remaining bodies in the St. Paul coal mine be destroyed with chemicals is being met with bitter opposition today from the scores of widows, who are waiting for the weather to permit the opening of the sealed shaft.

Helmet men are expected from the State rescue station at Urbana tomorrow, and it is planned to raise the lid from the two shafts and to remove the 319 victims of the disaster.

Tentative arrangements are being made for funeral and burials. Men have been engaged to dig a row of graves a quarter of a mile long.

## RETAIL GROCERS HELD RESPONSIBLE

Competition Said to Have  
Been Forced Out of  
Business.

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said that if the committee was so disposed, he had no objection to an investigation. The result was that Mr. Payne and Champ Clark were appointed as a subcommittee to prepare a resolution which will shortly be presented to the House.

The resolution will provide for a sweeping inquiry which will concern itself chiefly with the difference between retail and wholesale prices, the prices obtained by the farmer, and by the producer.

It is expected that a subcommittee will be appointed in case the House-ordered investigation which will visit different parts of the country and obtain information. That the investigation will result in any attack on the tariff as a cause for high prices may be judged from the fact that the committee is overwhelmingly made up of high tariff men.

## PHYSICIAN DEFIES FOOD'S HIGH COST

Presents Menu for Three Meals  
Daily Entailing Cost of  
Twenty Cents.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 31.—High prices need cause no anxiety to the working man who can live and grow fat on 20 cents a day, says Dr. Franklin White, of the Harvard Medical School. Americans, says Dr. White, pay too much attention to the flavor of their food and not enough to its nourishing qualities.

The following menu is indorsed by Dr. White:

Breakfast—Cornmeal mush, 1 cent; oleomargarine, 2 cents; syrup, 1 cent. Total, 4 cents.

Lunch—Potatoes, 3 cents; oleomargarine, 3 cents; smoked herring, 1 cent; cocoa shells and milk, 2 cents. Total, 9 cents.

Dinner—Beans, 3 cents; potatoes, 2 cents; cocoa, 2 cents; bread, 1 cent. Total, 9 cents.

## TOWN TREASURER PLACED ON TRIAL

South Framingham Official and  
Boston Broker Accused of Larceny  
to Amount of \$325,000.

BOSTON, Jan. 31.—The trial of John P. Lombard, town treasurer of South Framingham, who is charged with defrauding the town through a \$185,000 series of note forgeries, and of Charles S. Cummings, the Boston broker who is alleged to have uttered the paper, began here today.

The indictment charges forgery, uttering, and larceny of money and notes to the amount of \$325,000.

## CLEMENCY DECLINED BY CAPTAIN SHIPP

During the incarceration of Capt. J. P. Shipp, the Chattanooga sheriff, and his co-defendants for alleged contempt of the Supreme Court, a great many telegrams and petitions were received at the Department of Justice from individuals and organizations in the South asking for their pardon.

It was stated at the department today, however, that Captain Shipp positively refused to allow his lawyers or friends to make application for executive clemency on the ground that to do so might presuppose an admission of guilt.

## POSTAL CARD CRUSADE AGAINST MEAT TRUST

Woman Organizing Endless Chain Appeal to President  
Taft—Packers Reported Ready to Fight Boycott  
By Raising Price When Sales Drop.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A postal card crusade in which every woman in the United States will be asked to write a postal card to President Taft, asking him to break the Meat trust, is being organized by Mrs. Anita Comfort Brooks, president of the Gotham Club, who has already sent out 1,000 letters urging them to write the President, and to ask all their friends to do the same. Mrs. Brooks has already written the President.

It is proposed that an endless chain of letters be sent to President Taft, notifying him that the women of America expect him to smash the Meat trust.

If the crusade on the Meat trust in this way should be successful, Mrs. Brooks will then turn her attention to the "fish ring," which, she declares, has boosted the price of fish since the boycott on meat was instituted.

When New York hotel-keepers deny that they have reduced their daily orders for fresh meat they will admit that they have found many more customers who daily take a vegetarian diet. They attribute this wholly to the anti-meat crusade. The West Side Anti-Meat League has posted up 4,000 big posters all over the fashionable West Side, urging people to abstain from meat until the price is reduced.

From present indications, the Meat trust has its "back up" and is going to fight the boycotters just as hard as the boycotters fight the trust.

The Trust's method will be simple. It will stop killing in its Chicago, Illinois, and other Western plants, and shipper Americans are realizing the real relation of life to the land, and the absolute necessity of having free access to it. Unless we have free access to the south have been we shall some time have to face similar conditions.

Meat dealers declare there is a mutual

## CANADA IS AROUSED TO THE SITUATION

Legislation to Stop Illegal Com-  
bines and High Prices  
Being Discussed.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 31.—The Dominion and Provincial governments are discussing legislation to stop illegal combines. There is also strong governmental and municipal agitation against the high price of goods, especially meats and the Ottawa Citizen publishes this warning to Canada:

"In the United States today it is being realized that for any beef trust or other food combination to come between the soil and the consumer is perilous to the life of the republic. As never before, Americans are realizing the real relation of life to the land, and the absolute necessity of having free access to it. Unless we have free access to the south have been we shall some time have to face similar conditions."

## COMMANDER PEARY ORDERED TO WORK

Congress' Neglect Forces  
Navy Department to Assign  
Explorer to Post.

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solution of the situation. The tendering of a vote of thanks by that body to Lieutenant Peary would carry with it the privilege of retiring or remaining in active service, as the explorer chose.

Outside of the sentiment involved in the question from the standpoint of what is due Commander Peary, should he be given the right to retire, it would not only enable him to take the lecture platform, but would give him the opportunity to continue his Arctic explorations.

From a custom of long standing—one which originated as early as the Revolutionary war and was employed during and after the Spanish American war—Congress would be justified in giving the thanks of the nation to Commander Peary, as it has in other cases, where Americans have performed feats of valor in behalf of their country.

But Congress must act immediately, if it is to act at all. The Navy Department has exhausted its discretion. Any other week may see the discovery of the North Pole a subaltern in the naval service and a nation's ingratitude become an everlasting discredit.

## DR. COOK NOT SEEN NEAR HEIDELBERG

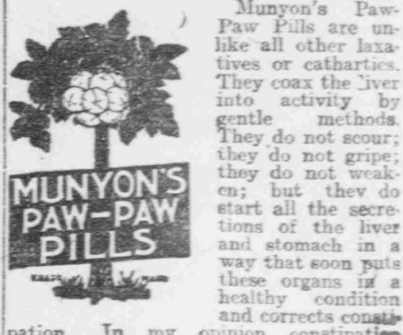
BERLIN, Jan. 31.—The Tageblatt, one of the leading German papers, after an exhaustive investigation, today declared positively that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, the alleged discoverer of the North Pole, is not in a sanitarium at Heidelberg, nor in that neighborhood, and that he has not been there.

American papers Saturday declared

the American consul at Mannheim had asked the German government to arrest a man in a sanitarium at Heidelberg, who was known as "Hunter" or "Günther," and who was really Dr. Cook.

The Tageblatt sent a staff man to Heidelberg, who made a complete search through the neighborhood and has seen all the police officials, and declares without qualification that the man is not Dr. Cook, adding that the American consul at Mannheim has not asked for Cook's arrest.

## CONSTIPATION MUNYON'S PAW-PAW PILLS



Munyon's Paw-Paw Pills are unlike all other laxatives or cathartics. They coax the liver into activity by gentle methods. They do not scour; they do not gripe; they do not weaken; but they do start all the secretions of the liver and stomach in a way that soon puts these organs in a healthy condition and corrects constipation. In my opinion constipation is responsible for most ailments. There are thirty-two feet of human bowels, which is really a sewer pipe. When this pipe becomes clogged, the whole system becomes poisoned, causing biliousness, indigestion and impure blood, which often produces rheumatism and kidney ailments. No woman who suffers with constipation or any liver complaint can expect to have a clear complexion, or enjoy good health.

Munyon's Paw-Paw Pills are a tonic to the stomach, liver and nerves. They invigorate instead of weakening; they enrich the blood instead of impoverishing it; they enable the stomach to get all the nourishment from food that is put into it.

These pills contain no calomel, no dope, they are soothing, healing and stimulating. They school the bowels to act without physic. Price 25 cents.

# THE GREAT A & P TEA COMPANY'S CRUSADE AGAINST HIGH PRICES

The Ancient Crusaders were represented by steel-clad Knights, who couched spears and shattered lances against the infidels. The Modern Crusaders are embodied in the persons of the American housewives, and they are fighting a battle today against extortion in food prices. Armored with the majesty of a righteous cause, they are more powerful than an army with glittering steel and floating banners, and through peaceful means will win a greater battle than has been fought for many a year.

**WE ARE WITH YOU IN THE FIGHT!**

For more than 50 years, we have stood as exponents of Low Prices, and will continue to sell to you wholesome food products at prices which will permit you to live at the minimum of cost.

Hams and Bacon.		Reduction Sale Standard Vegetables	
Diamond C. Hams, lb. ....18c		Prices Good for This Entire Week—All Branches	
Premium Hams, lb. ....18c			
Crest Sliced Bacon, lb. pkg. ....26c			
Crest Strip Bacon, lb. ....22c			
Fruits.		Tomatoes.	
Lager Flgs, lb. ....12c		Iona, 4 cans for .....25c	
Florida Sweet Oranges, doz. ....15c and 25c		Sultana, 3 cans for .....25c	
Grape Fruit, each. ....5c		A & P, a can .....10c	
Messina Lemons, doz. ....20c		String Beans.	
Evaporated Apples, lb. ....12c		Standard, 4 cans for .....25c	
Evaporated Peaches, lb. ....10c		Cut Refugee, 3 cans for .....25c	
Evaporated Apricots, lb. ....14c		White Wax, 3 cans for .....25c	
		A & P Stringless, 2 cans .....25c	
		Succotash.	
Fig Newtons, lb. ....10c		Standard, 3 cans for .....25c	
Rolled Oats, lb. ....4c		A & P, a can .....10c	
Malaga Grapes, lb. ....10c		A & P Lima Beans	
Fancy Mackerel, No. 1, each. ....25c		Two cans for 25c	
King Coffee at the Breakfast Table		Corn.	
Poor coffee served at breakfast has filled many a man with discontent, which, carried into his business life, has proven his undoing. Good coffee, properly made, is certainly the Chief, if not the King, of all breakfast accessories. It is easy to have it always good if you will use		Iona, 4 cans for .....25c	
Senate Blend (5 lbs. for \$1.15), lb. ....25c		Sultana, 3 cans for .....25c	
Congressional Blend (3 lbs. for \$1.00), lb. ....35c		A & P, a can .....10c	
Or some other good A & P Fresh Roast at 15c, 20c, 30c, or 40c lb.		Peas.	
		Iona, 3 cans for .....25c	
		Reliable, a can .....10c	
		Sultana, a can .....10c	
		A & P, 2 cans for .....25c	
For Breakfast On a Cool Morning.		Lima Beans.	
		Arena, 4 cans .....25c	
		Luxury, 3 cans .....25c	
		Dried Beans.	
		Lima, lb. ....7c	
		Yellow Eye, lb. ....7c	
		Marrowfat, lb. ....7c	
		Navy, lb. ....5c	
		Red Kidney .....7c	
Buckwheat Cakes and Syrup.		Sleds.	
Plain Buckwheat, 10-lb. bag, 30c		Boys' or Girls'—FREE with one	
A & P Self-Raising Buckwheat, pkg. ....10c		25 A & P Baking Powder 10c	
H-O Buckwheat, pkg. ....17c			
Hecker's Self-Raising Buckwheat, pkg. ....10c and 15c			

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### Extra Quality ELGIN BUTTER

Sold Elsewhere 40c

Our Price, lb. .... 35c

Pure Silver Leaf Lard, lb. .... 17c

Fresh Comb Honey, very fine, 20c

Good Eggs, dozen .... 30c

### NEW CARLOAD FLOUR

Milled especially for us by the Washburn-Crosby Company, Buffalo, New York, and packed under our own name at prices unequaled in the city of Washington for cheapness. This flour is as good as any on the market.

Regular 34-lb. bags .... 15c

Regular 7-lb. bags .... 29c

Regular 12 1/2-lb. bags .... 43c

Regular 24 1/2-lb. bags .... 85c

Regular 49-lb. bags .... \$1.70

Full Barrel (in wood) .... \$6.75

For Breakfast	Fish.	Cocoa and Chocolate.	Sundries (Continued.)
On a Cool Morning.			
<b>Buckwheat Cakes and Syrup.</b>	A & P Salmon Steaks, can ..... 12½c and 20c	A & P Cocoa, can..... 10c and 20c	Spaghetti, pkg.....10c
Plain Buckwheat, 10-lb. bag.....30c	Red Alaska Salmon, can.....15c	Walter Baker's Cocoa, can.....10c and 20c	H-O Oats, pkg.....14c
A & P Self-Raising Buckwheat, pkg.....10c	Pink Salmon, can.....10c	Bendorp's Royal Dutch Cocoa, tin.....20c and 30c	A & P Oats, pkg.....10c
H-O Buckwheat, pkg.....17c	Marshall's Kipperd Herring, can.....15c	Lowney's Cocoa, tin.....23c	Mother's Oats, pkg.....10c
Hecker's Self-Raising Buckwheat, pkg.....10c and 15c	Marshall's Tomato Sauce Herring, can.....15c	Huyler's Cocoa, tin.....12c and 22c	Quaker Oats, pkg.....10c
Gold Leaf Maple Blend Syrup, bottle.....10c and 25c	Marshall's Fresh Herring, can 15c	Van Houten's Cocoa, tin.....28c and 45c	Safety Matches, 12 boxes.....5c
Pure Maple Syrup, bottle.....15c and 35c	Bijon Herring (tomato sauce), can.....10c	A & P Chocolate, ½ lb.....16c	Safety Tip Matches, box.....5c
Pure Maple Syrup, gal can.....\$1.50	Bon Accord Soused Mackerel, can.....18c	Baker's Chocolate, ½ lb.....19c	Parlor Matches, large box.....5c
Velva Pure Cane Syrup, can.....10c, 15c, 20c, 35c, 65c	Fresh Crabs, can.....20c	Huyler's Sweet Chocolate, cake.....5c and 10c	Bar Amk. cake.....9c
Karo, can.....10c	Fancy Tag Bloaters, each.....5c	A & P Sweet Chocolate, cake.....5c	Royal Paking Powder, lb.....40c
B & O Molasses, can.....10c and 15c	Fat Norway Mackerel, each.....7c		Rumford's Baking Powder, lb.....25c
A & P Pure Molasses, can.....15c and 30c	Mackerel, 5-lb. kit.....55c		Davis' Baking Powder, lb.....20c
	Mackerel, 8-lb. kit.....\$1.25		Egg Noodles, pkg.....5c
	Imported Sardines (oil), can.....10c, 15c, 20c, 30c		Graham Flour, bag.....12c
	Skipper Sardines (oil), can.....10c		Rye Flour, bag.....15c
	Sardines (mustard), can.....10c		Jewel Compound, lb.....13c
	Sardines (Domestic), can.....5c		Victory Tomatoes, strained, can.....5c
	Royal Banquet Fish Roe, can 10c		Gallon Cans Tomatoes, each.....25c
			A & P Condensed Milk, can.....10c
			Eagle Condensed Milk, can.....15c
			Challenge Cond. Milk, can.....10c
			Peerless Evaporated Milk, can.....5c and 10c